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SUBJ: PROPOSED REVISION OF U.S. PASSPORT IDENTIFYING DATA
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1. EMBOFF POSED QUESTIONS LISTED REFAIR TO SENIOR FONMIN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF VISAS AND PASSPORTS. HIS OFFICIAL RESPONSE WAS THAT THE GOP COULD NOT COMMENT ON THE MATTER UNTIL OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED OF A CHANGE IN U.S. PASSPORT DATA VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTE. UNOFFICIALLY HE SAID THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES MIGHT REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF SPECIAL ENTRY FORMS. A U.S. CITIZEN BORN IN PARAGUAY IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A PARAGUAYAN NATIONAL BY THE GOP, EXCEPT IN CASES OF DUAL NATIONALITY AT BIRTH.

2. PROBLEMS ARE MORE LIKELY TO ARISE WITH PERSONS BORN IN COMMUNIST CONTROLLED COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY CUBA AND RUSSIA. WHILE OFFICIALLY THE GOP ACCEPTS ISSUANCE OF A U.S. PASSPORT TO SUCH PERSONS AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE THEY ARE NOT COMMUNISTS, IN PRACTICE THEY HAVE SUFFERED HARRASMENT BY PARAGUAYAN POLICE AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, WHO HAVE DECIDED AT TIMES THAT A CUBAN IS A CUBAN AND THEREFORE A POTENTIAL SUBVERSIVE DESPITE U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT.
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